Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran

Forecast valid from 06:00 on Thursday 16 Feb 2023 until 23:59 on Friday 17 Feb 2023

Forecast Issued on Thursday 16 Feb 2023 at 00:14 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: Low for cloud detail today. High for cold and stormy weather on Friday. Low for detail over the weekend.

Headline for Thursday 16 Feb 2023: Dull with hill fog this morning, an improvement for a few hours this afternoon, but going downhill again by evening. Gales and patchy rain preceded by summit snow developing in the evening.

Mountain weather hazards on Thursday 16 Feb 2023

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
Low Likelihood

Gales
Low Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Low Likelihood

Poor visibility
High Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
FOG	FOG				
Fog	Fog	Light snow	Light snow	Sleet	Heavy Rain
Precipitation probability					
20%	20%	20%	20%	70%	80%

Forecast for Thursday 16 Feb 2023

Weather: Daylight hours will be largely dry after some early drizzle, and light summit snow across Argyll. Extensive low cloud at first gradually clearing away from late morning and early afternoon to leave a somewhat brighter period of weather. Thickening cloud will bring some rain eastwards in the evening, briefly preceded by some snow.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 10% this morning, though 40% in Mull, rising to 60% in afternoon before dropping again late afternoon to become 10% this evening, rising to best chance in the afternoon

Low Cloud and visibility: Poor in extensive low cloud down to 400 to 700 metres at first. Low cloud is expected to clear from the west by early afternoon with some patchy cloud above 850 metres in the afternoon. Low cloud down to 500 metres will return from the west towards dusk.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	20/23 S	18/22 SW	19/25 SW	22/28 SW	25/32 S	40/51 S	47/64 SW
900	11/14 SW	11/14 SW	13/18 SW	15/21 SW	18/25 S	24/35 S	31/46 SW
600	10/13 SW	9/12 SW	14/18 SW	17/23 SW	20/26 S	28/36 S	37/52 SW
300	6/8 S	4/7 S	7/10 SW	8/13 SW	10/16 S	16/28 S	21/34 SW
Glen	3/6 SW	2/4 SW	6/11 SW	6/13 SW	6/16 S	8/19 S	17/36 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
1300	-2/-9	-2/-9	-2/-10	-3/-10	-3/-10	0/-8	3/-5
900	0/-5	0/-4	0/-5	0/-6	0/-6	2/-5	5/-2
600	2/-2	2/-2	2/-2	2/-3	2/-3	4/-1	7/1
300	5/2	4/2	5/2	5/2	5/2	6/2	8/4
Glen	6/5	6/5	7/5	7/5	6/4	7/4	10/6
Freezing Level*	900m	800m	800m	800m	900m	2300m	2400m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Higher summit gales developing through the evening.

Forecast for Friday 17 Feb 2023

Weather: Rain for a time in the early hours, this clearing away by dawn. Then the morning and early afternoon will see frequent showers across Lochaber and northern Argyll, with snow above 600m, these dying out in the afternoon. Southern Argyll, the Trossachs and Arran will be bright with just a few showers. Stormy conditions in the morning with severe wind chill slowy easing in the afternoon. Occasional rain, with snow above 450m, may arrive in the evening.

Maximum wind: Westerly 70 mph with gusts to 100 mph in the morning across the north. Winds moderating through the afternoon.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 40% rising 60%, best chance in the south, falling 30% during evening

Low Cloud and visibility: Areas of cloud down to 600 to 900 metres, this tending to become less extensive through the afternoon before returning in evening. Outside of cloud and snow expect excellent visibility with great air clarity, but poor visibility in snow.

Temperature: **Glens:** 2 Celsius rising to 7 Celsius
At 800m: 5 Celsius falling to -1 Celsius
Freezing level: Above summits falling to 700 metres

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